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1. UNDER HEADLINE "WHITE HOUSE REFUTES GRAND RABBI OF ISRAEL"
JUNE 18 AL-THAWRA (ONLY PAPER PUBLISHED SATURDAYS) REPORTED
THAT WHITE HOUSE HAD OFFICIALLY DENIED ALLEGATIONS OF GRAND
RABBI OF ISRAEL. ARTICLE QUOTED WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN AS
DECLARING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S STAND HAD NOT CHANGED
REGARDING NEED TO ESTABLISH PALESTINIAN NATIONAL HOMELAND
AND FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ISRAELI TROOPS FROM ARAB LANDS OCCUPIED
IN 1967. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CARTER TOLD RABBI JUST WHAT
HE HAD STATED ON NUMEROUS OTHER OCCASIONS...THAT ISRAEL SHOULD
WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 LINES WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS WHICH MUST
BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

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2. ARTICLE CONTINUED THAT OBSERVERS SAW RABBI GOREN'S
ALLEGATIONS AS HAVING BEEN INTENDED TO CREATE CONFUSION AND
DOUBT ABOUT THE AMERICAN POSITION "IN THE FACE OF STRAINED
RELATIONS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND TEL AVIV RESULTING FROM
ISRAEL'S OBSTINANCY VIS-A-VIS AMERICAN EFFORTS TOWARD COM-
PREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT OF MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM."

3. SYRIAN RADIO AND TELEVISION PUBLISHED WHITE HOUSE DENIAL
IN SIMILAR TERMS DURING EVENING NEWS BROADCASTS JUNE 17.

4. LEAD ITEM IN JUNE 18 AL-THAWRA WAS PROPAGANDISTIC ARTICLE
ENTITLED, "GOVT OF TERRORIST BEGIN ANNOUNCES ITS PROGRAM:
ENCOURAGE SETTLEMENT AND EXPANSION IN THE ARAB TERRITORIES."
IT DID NOT ENUMERATE FULL PROGRAM.
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